



Spotlight on Berkeley...

Berkeley County was named for two of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, Lord John Berkeley (d. 1678) and Sir William Berkeley (d. 1677). This area was settled in the late seventeenth century by English and French Huguenot planters. Many of the old rice plantations are now covered by the waters of Lake Moultrie, which was built in the 1940s as part of the Santee-Cooper hydroelectric project. Two famous Revolutionary War generals were residents of the area: William Moultrie (1730-1805) and Francis Marion (1732-1795), known as the Swamp Fox. Henry Laurens (1724-1792), president of the Continental Congress, resided at Mepkin Plantation, which many years later was purchased by publisher Henry Luce (1898-1967). Luce and his wife, writer and diplomat Clare Boothe Luce (1903-1987), are buried at Mepkin, which is now a Trappist monastery.

Moncks Corner Workforce Center

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Location & Climate

- Located in the southeastern area of the state
- Surrounded by Charleston, Dorchester, Orangeburg, Clarendon, Williamsburg, and Georgetown counties
- This region has an average temperature of 64.0 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 49.6 inches.

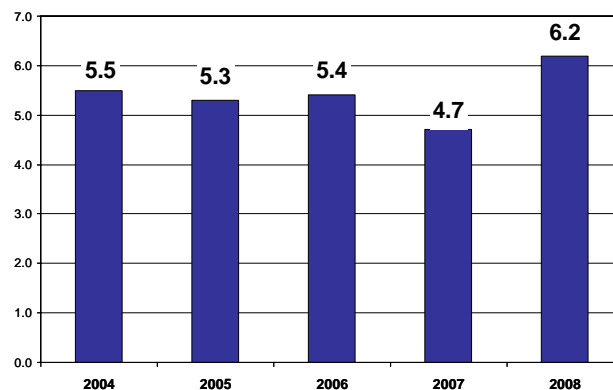
Population

- Was 163,560 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 181,350 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 69.1% White, 26.6% African-American, and 4.2% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population increased from 3,935 in 2000 to 6,376 in 2007, an 62.0% change.

Labor Force

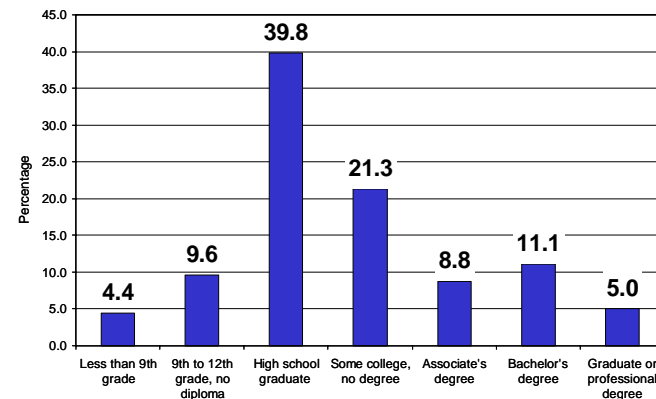
- Increased from 77,570 in 2007 to 79,540 in 2008
- Employment rose from 73,900 in 2007 to 74,610 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate rose from 4.7% in 2007 to 6.2% in 2008.

Unemployment Rates for Berkeley County
2004 - 2008



Educational Attainment

Berkeley County 2007



Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$28,850 for 2007.
- This was 93% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 75% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Moncks Corner Workforce Center, which serves Berkeley County, paid \$10,122,368 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



SC Employment Security Commission Labor Market Information

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